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SUBJECT: PLO UN OFFICE IN VIENNA

REF: A)STATE 18522; B)IAEA 508; C)VIENNA 398;
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1. APPRECIATE HELPFUL ANALYSIS REFTELS.

2. U.S. DECISION TO PERMIT ESTABLISHMENT OF PLO OBSERVER
MISSION IN NEW YORK BASED ON NUMBER OF UN MEETINGS AND
THEIR DURATION. TERMS OF ADMISSION TO UNITED STATES LIMITS
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PLO OBSERVERS TO UN HEADQUARTERS AREA. TRAVEL OUTSIDE THIS

AREA IS ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS ON PERSONAL OR RECREATIONAL GROUNDS. ACCREDITATION OF OBSERVERS IS TO UN NOT TO USG AND IS HANDLED THROUGH UN. DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS SAME REASONING I.E. NUMBER AND DURATION OF MEETINGS WAS RATIONALE FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF PLO OBSERVER OFFICE IN GENEVA. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT PLO OBSERVER MISSION IN GENEVA ACCREDITED TO UN SECRETARIAT THERE NOT TO SWISS GOVERNMENT. LISTINGS IN STATE 18552 REFLECT THIS STATUS.

3. SINCE THERE IS NO UN SECRETARIAT OFFICE IN VIENNA IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR ACCREDITATION TO BE HANDLED BY SECRETARIATS OF PARTICULAR UN BODIES TO WHICH PLO MAY APPLY FOR OBSERVER STATUS, WHICH IN FACT IS WHAT HAS BEEN

DONE IN CASE OF UNIDO. IF PLO ASSUMES OBSERVER STATUS AT UNIDO WHICH THAT ORGANIZATION REGARDS AS AVAILABLE TO IT UNDER THE TERMS OF UNGA RESOLUTION 3237, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR UNIDO SECRETARIAT TO CONSULT WITH UN SECRETARIAT NEW YORK ON SPECIFIC HANDLING. IN SUCH INSTANCES, IT WOULD NOT BE NECESSARY FOR AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALLY TO GRANT STATUS TO PLO OBSERVER MISSION ALTHOUGH THIS IS DECISION GOA MUST MAKE. IN CONSIDERING VISAS AND ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS, GOA WOULD HAVE TO DECIDE WHETHER OBSERVERS SHOULD BE ADMITTED FOR DURATION OF PARTICULAR MEETINGS OR, AS IN CASE OF NEW YORK AND GENEVA, ON CONTINUING BASIS WHICH WOULD PERMIT OPENING OF OBSERVER OFFICE. AGAIN THIS IS GOA DECISION BUT PRESUMABLY WOULD BE RELATED TO NUMBER AND DURATION OF MEETINGS PLO ENTITLED TO ATTEND AND WISHED TO ATTEND IN OBSERVER STATUS. IF PLO DECIDES TO ATTEND UNIDO MEETINGS AND THESE EXTEND THROUGH MOST OF YEAR THEN CONTINUING OFFICE MAY BE REASONABLE REQUEST.

4. IT MAY BE PREMATURE FOR GOA TO BE DISCUSSING PLO UN OFFICE WHEN NEITHER PLO NOR GOA HAVE DISCUSSED MATTER WITH EITHER UN SECRETARIAT, NEW YORK OR WITH UNIDO, AS SEEMS THE CASE. EMBASSY MIGHT POINT THIS OUT IN LOW-KEY MANNER TO MFA OFFICIALS IF APPROPRIATE, DRAWING ALSO ON PARAGRAPHS 2 AND 3 WITHOUT STIMULATING ACTION GOA OTHERWISE MIGHT NOT CONTEMPLATE. DEPARTMENT WOULD, OF COURSE, PREFER THAT PLO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NOT OPEN OFFICE IN VIENNA, BUT THIS IS MATTER FOR UN, PLO AND GOA.

5. RECOGNIZE THAT VIENNA PLO UN OFFICE MIGHT OFFER ENCOURAGEMENT TO PLO TO SEEK OBSERVER STATUS AT IAEA. U.S. REMAINS OPPOSED OBSERVER STATUS FOR PLO AT IAEA AS TOTALLY INAPPROPRIATE IF ISSUE WERE RAISED AT THAT ORGANIZATION. MISSION SHOULD KEEP US FULLY INFORMED OF ANY INDICATION

OF SUCH A MOVE. SISCO

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